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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten title:

--A Silica Filled Polymeric Separator ~~Battery Element~~ Containing Efficiency Improving Additives.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, lines 3-9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation in part of application Serial Number 09/774,453, filed January 30, 2001, now United States Patent 6,511,775, which application is a division application of application Serial Number 09/045,725, filed March 20, 1998, now United States Patent 6,350,541. These earlier filed applications are incorporated in their entirety herein by reference.